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**THE MAILS.**

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to 8 p. m. Money order business closes at 7 p.  
m., register business at 7:30.

**ARRIVAL OF MAILS.**

Eastern and Western way through. 7 a m  
Detroit 12:30 p m  
Albion, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 12 m  
Glendale, Wednesday & Saturday, 1 p m  
Western way 2:30 p m  
Eastern way and Lawton 4:30 p m  
Hartford and Lawrence 6 p m

**CLOSING OF MAILS.**

Hartford and Lawrence 7:45 a m  
Eastern way and Lawton 10:45 a m  
Western way 12:45 p m  
Albion, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 12:45 p m  
Glendale & Western way & Saturday, 1:45 p m  
Detroit, Eastern & Western way & thru 7:30 p m  
Geo. W. MATTHEWS, P. M.

**Church Directory.**

St. Mark's Church.—Rev. G. P. Schetty, D.  
D., Pastor.

Services.—Sunday, 10:15 a. m., 7 p. m. Sun-  
day School after morning service. Friday, 4  
p. m.

Catholic Church.—St. Mary's Immaculate Con-  
ception. First Sunday of every month at Ar-  
lington: Mass at 10 o'clock; Catechism at Ar-  
lington: Mass at 10 o'clock; Catechism, 3 P. M.  
Glendale & Western way & Saturday, 1:45 p m  
Third Sunday at Decatur: Mass at 10 o'clock;  
Catechism after mass. During the week, Mass  
at 8 o'clock.

**Presbyterian Church.**—Rev. H. W. Harvey,  
Pastor. Sunday School at 12 Mr. J. W. Free,  
Supt. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

M. E. Church.—Rev. G. L. Cole, Pastor.  
Services: Sabbath morning at 10:15; Sabbath  
School at noon, A. H. Herron, Supt.; Evening  
service at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Thurs-  
day evening.

F. W. Baptist Church.—Rev. J. B. Drew,  
Pastor. Services: Sabbath morning at 10:15;  
Sabbath School at noon, Geo. W. Matthews,  
Supt.; evening service at 7 o'clock. Weekly  
Prayer service, Thursday evening.

Christian Church.—Rev. O. Ebert, Pastor.  
Services: Sabbath morning at 10:15; Sabbath  
School at noon, O. Ebert, Supt. Weekly  
Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening.

**Local Notices.**

Physicians say HOPS and Malt Bitters are  
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chains, solid pens, bracelets, charms, &c.

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When a cough sounds like Croup—that is  
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cough loose, and the danger will soon be over.

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better health than ever." G. H. Hubbard,  
Hamden, Ohio.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Decatur Drabbings.**

The Universalist Church is the finest up-  
holstered Church of any small auditorium in  
Michigan.

Winter, stern old winter begins to fasten  
his icy fetters upon the out-door enterprises  
of the Decaturites.

The Post of G. A. R. met last Saturday  
evening at their new rooms, in Town Hall  
building; all manifested satisfaction at the  
new departure.

A little skirmish took place in the sample  
room of the Duncombe House saloon, in  
which Mr. [Chichester and Howland were the  
parties interested. The latter had his "head-  
lights" disfigured.

**Keeler Kennings.**

The relatives of S. J. Sikes and wife ate  
turkey with them on "turkey day."

Mr. Pardee had a dance at "Forest Home"  
on Thursday evening. A grand time was  
had.

Schools are all supplied with teachers, and  
some to spare, notwithstanding the shrinkage  
on the start.

One of our young men in east Keeler, was  
smitten with a sudden desire to travel, and  
did travel, with Marshal Duff on his back.

Thanksgiving services were held at the M.  
E. Church, at the usual hour. A collection  
was taken up for the fire sufferers up north.

The "Open Grange" was postponed on  
account of bad weather. A full Grange met,  
however, on Friday, in regular session. We  
occasionally have some lively times inside.

**Lawton Legends.**

Peter Walker and wife are visiting in N. Y.

Anna Randall is teaching in the Durkee  
district.

Miss Etellie Davis is teaching at the Boyce  
district, in Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Smith are visiting at  
her father's in Wayne county.

Mrs. Arthur Webster and little son Roy,  
spent last week at her father Davis.

Master Bertie Bulson, of Wisconsin, is  
visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Abbott.

Some light fingered chap stole Miss Mer-  
ritt's cloak from the school room a few  
nights ago.

Fred and Will Cooper have bought 80 acres  
of land near No. 7 school house in Porter,  
for \$3600; one forty owned by John Mar-  
shall, the other by David Sheffer.

Mr. George M. Birdsell, a farmer living  
just east of town, while working in a well in  
Texas township, on 16th inst., was fatally in-  
jured. A bucket of sand fell a distance of  
30 feet striking him between the shoulders  
and breaking his back; he died Friday night.

He was an earnest christian worker and  
leaves a large circle of friends, a wife and  
five children to mourn his loss.

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**Prospect Lake Pickings.**

Mrs. H. Donaldson has returned from her  
visit in New York.

Fred Jacobs commenced last week Mon-  
day, to teach a five months term of school  
two miles east of Lawton.

Charlie Christie had 400 bushels of wheat  
threshed last week, and he has now a large  
share of four crops in his granary.

Mrs. L. Cooper's fever is broken and she  
is getting better. Mrs. Nellie Rasmussen  
has been home taking care of her mother  
during her illness.

**Hartford Happenings.**

M. E. Social at Dr. Engle's on Tuesday  
evening next.

Dr. Engle has sold his young horse to S.  
F. Warren, for \$200.

This cold weather makes those who are  
plastering cry out for stoves.

Mr. Ross preached on trial at the Baptist  
church on Sunday morning last.

Prof. Heywood's boys who have been sick  
for the past week, are improving.

Thanksgiving services were held at the M.  
E. Church, Thursday at 11 o'clock.

J. D. Erwin is fitting up a residence on  
South Maple street. He bought his lot of  
J. Crandall.

Young Dr. Palmer is about buying him a  
lot, and talks of building. Looks rather  
suspicious.

Justice Mortimer is doing a good business  
in attending to the criminals and roughs in  
this locality.

It is the general opinion here that Guitane's  
attempted assassin ought to be hung, for  
missing his mark.

Quite a number of delegates from here  
attended the G. T. County Convention at  
Decatur, Tuesday.

The small-pox scare is rapidly dying out.  
No new cases. Miss Marnie Allen, living  
three miles from Hartford, is rapidly recover-  
ing.

Wm. Watts and John Hunt, who went to  
Antrim county, prospecting for farms, have  
returned. We judge Hartford looks good to  
them.

Captain Manley's side won in the hunt on  
Friday last, and Monday night Captain  
Hilliard's men furnished the supper at the  
Olds House.

**PROBATE COURT.**—HILTON, JUDGE.

In the matter of the estate of Michael  
Heath, deceased.

Hearing on the petition of George F.  
Heath, son of the deceased, praying for the  
appointment of an administrator of the es-  
tate of said deceased.

On the hearing of this application made  
by the son of the deceased, the reputed wid-  
ow of the deceased appears and contests the  
same on the ground that she is his lawful  
widow and as such, entitled, under the  
statute, first to administration of the estate.

The facts as shown on the hearing, are that  
the deceased lived in the township of An-  
trim, in this county, for about 21 years  
previous to his death; that he married the  
contestant in 1857, in Chicago, whither he  
went for such purpose, and that they lived  
and cohabited together as husband and wife  
up to nearly the time of his death. There  
is some evidence tending to show that by  
reason of a cancerous sore and other phys-  
ical ailments, the contestant ceased to co-  
habit with the deceased, and on the other  
hand it is claimed that contestant knew, and  
had admitted the marriage to be illegal, and  
on this account had withdrawn from such  
cohabitation. The contestant, it is further  
shown, lived with deceased for a period of  
about 25 years and bore him two children,  
both of whom are now deceased. It is ad-  
mitted for the purposes of this hearing, that  
the contestant was the niece of deceased,  
and it is further admitted that under the  
statute of Illinois, such marriage was abso-  
lutely void and under our statute prohibited.

It is contended by the counsel for the peti-  
tioner that the *lex loci contractus* governs,  
and that consequently the marriage was void  
in this State. On the other hand the con-  
testant maintains that although prohibited  
by our statute, yet that such prohibition does  
not deprive the wife her property rights in  
and to the husband's estate; that the so-  
called marriage cannot be attacked in this  
collateral proceeding, and that as such wife  
she is entitled to administration of the estate,  
such cohabitation constituting a valid mar-  
riage at common law. After a careful ex-  
amination of the authorities produced by  
counsel, I am led to believe that the only  
question in this case is, whether the marriage  
was voidable simply, or void; and if the  
first, there can be no doubt but that the con-  
testant would be entitled to administration, but  
if the latter, that she would not. Mar-  
riages between persons in the direct line of  
consanguinity are clearly unlawful  
and void by the law of nature, independent  
of any statutory prohibition and for obvious  
reasons; but as we leave this lineal line and  
come to the relationship by blood or affinity  
in the collateral line, (as in this case), it is  
not so easy to determine at what point such  
natural law frowns upon such union as de-  
structive of the purity and happiness of do-  
mestic life, and I am not prepared to state  
that in this case the contestant would not be  
entitled to administration in the absence of  
such statute made the contract absolutely  
void, *ab initio*, and it seems to me, disposes  
of the whole matter very quickly in any case  
where such bar exists. Suppose the deceased  
had, after such ceremony in the State of  
Illinois, removed to this State and married  
again, could he have been convicted of the  
crime of bigamy? Plainly not, as the fact  
of such marriage would be shown at once  
incestuous and invalid and barred any such  
prosecution. This same law that forbids a  
marriage incestuous, would, I apprehend,  
sustain a marriage by mere consent which  
the common law permits and sanctions, but  
I do not understand that any conduct of the  
parties, such as cohabitation and reception  
of the same as husband and wife in any com-  
munity, or any failure of our statute to more  
than prohibit such marriage, would render  
any marriage that in any State is void by  
statute, valid in this. The marriage, it  
seems to me, was utterly void and no subse-  
quent acts of the parties changed the fact,  
and however painful, such conclusion may  
be to the contestant, I am satisfied that  
the prayer of the petitioner must be allowed  
and administration granted to the person as  
therein prayed.

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**Observer's Observations.**

Winter has come.

Thanksgiving is here too.

Did your pump freeze up?

The woodchuck season is over.

Have you got your corn husked?

The tax collector is packing his satchel.

The produce market was never better.

Matrimonial market firm, with an upward  
tendency.

Widow Burns has a new roof on her house.  
She is happy now.

Sheriff McCabe had his prisoners at work  
on the streets on Saturday last.

The boy with the hand-axe took his posi-  
tion on the streets last Saturday for the first  
time this season.

Plenty of wood is coming into town, and  
selling from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cord. Stove  
wood we mean.

Sam. Holmes has sold his farm of 240  
acres in Bloomingdale for \$7,000, a great  
bargain to the purchaser.

Christmas has concluded to put in an ap-  
pearance this year on Sunday, and we pre-  
sume New Year's will do likewise.

Wells, the bean man, has a nice new barn  
and seems to be very proud over it. Rus.  
Mentor was the builder and he rushed it  
through in a hurry.

Kilburn & Hudson shipped about 3400 lbs.  
of poultry last week. George Butler is their  
boss butcher, and the way he makes the  
feathers fly is a sin to rats. George is swift.

Henry White, of Waverly, an inventive  
genius, has invented an improved threshing  
machine tooth. A knife is so arranged as to  
alter itself do away with hand cutting. So  
he says.

Wm. P. Jones, the shoemaker, has gone to  
Kalamazoo to work at his trade with his  
son-in-law, James Wood. Jim. recently got  
a pension of \$1300, and has started up busi-  
ness there.

Who can give us the year the first drive  
well was put down in this town? We have  
the impression it was in 1866, and was driven  
down in the street nearly in front of the  
Willard House. The Grangers want to  
know.

Dr. Gillis Bradley, that eminent veterinary  
star, says the disease known as Pink Eye,  
among horses, has at last struck this town.  
The doctor is always ready to meet such dis-  
eases, as he usually carries his laboratory in his  
vest pocket.

Joe, the butcher, had the misfortune to  
lose from his slaughter house, three boards,  
and has offered a reward of \$5 each for them.  
If this should happen to meet the eye of the  
chap who has them, we would advise him to  
return them to Joe and get the rewards.

He is a young rooster, and after church  
last Sunday evening, in the hall, he shied up  
to her and asked her if he might be per-  
mitted to have the blissful pleasure of escorting  
her home. Her reply was, "Get out, you little  
snot." I guess I can go home without any of  
your help. He got.

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igraph, with which they do all their writing.  
Price, \$80, and it will print seven copies at a  
time. It is an improvement on lawyers writ-  
ing, and we would advise everyone in the  
county to buy one, and then their corres-  
pondence will be read in full.

Mr. Hathaway, the gentleman that is build-  
ing that nice residence on the west side of  
the river, presented each of his workmen  
with a nice turkey for Thanksgiving. They  
all got one, from the architect down to the  
hod-carrier. We always liked to work for  
such men, it makes us feel as though our ser-  
vices were appreciated.

Eugene Salisbury of the Lee district, is a  
speculating chap. He drove to town the  
other morning with a load of dressed hogs  
and was offered \$7 per hundred for them  
he said he guessed he would go to  
Kalamazoo and get \$7.50, and drove on. He  
was gone two days and sold his hogs for  
\$6.80. He says the difference, expenses, etc.,  
between what he was offered here and what  
he got there, was \$11.65, and he has conclud-  
ed not to transport any more pork to Kala-  
mazoo.

Misfortunes never come single. Joe the  
butcher had the misfortune to run over his  
young shepherd pup, on Monday last, as he  
left Main street, near Dr. Nelson's, to go to  
his slaughter house, with a load of hogs—  
The wailing cries of the pup brought about  
forty school children to the scene, who shed  
tears over the dying dog. But when Joe  
started for an ax to help the pup climb the  
golden stair, the little crowd made them-  
selves scarce. Not one remained to witness  
the closing act.

A man passed through town on foot a few  
days since with what we supposed to be a  
little cream colored calf on his back. We  
asked a gentleman who pretended to be  
versed in cattle, what that man was going to  
do with such a little calf? His reply was,  
"That calf—as we called it—is a thorough-  
bred Jersey bull, bred and raised in Ham-  
ilton, on Oak Avenue Farm, and was weigh-  
ed on the Oak Avenue scales this morning and  
kicked the beam at forty-five pounds." It  
was undoubtedly the same bull that was re-  
ported in the *Free Press and Courier*, last  
week, by its Hamilton correspondent, as sold  
to an Alleghan man.

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**OBITUARY.**

DIED, at Schoolcraft, Nov. 7th, Dr. Bolivar  
Barnum, in the 56th year of his age.

Dr. Barnum was born near Auburn, Cayu-  
ga Co. New York, April 22d, 1826. His pa-  
rents, with their children in 1836, removed  
to Van Buren county, Mich., near Paw Paw,  
and engaged in agriculture, where the doctor's  
boyhood days were spent. Educational ad-  
vantages at that time were very limited, but  
while laboring on the farm summers, and at-  
tending school winters, at the age of nine-  
teen he had so far advanced in his education,  
that he engaged in teaching winters for some  
time. In 1849 he commenced a course of  
study at Albion Seminary, at Albion, Mich.

He began the study of medicine in 1851 with  
Dr. Josiah Andrews, of Paw Paw, and after  
attending two courses of lectures in the medi-  
cal department of Michigan University, gra-  
duated in 1854. In April of the same year  
he located in Schoolcraft, and in a short  
time gained a good practice. On the break-  
ing out of the war he was appointed Surgeon  
of the 25th Michigan Infantry, and served  
during the war. In July 1873, he was ap-  
pointed Surgeon of the M. C. R. R. Co., and  
removed to Jackson, where he remained un-  
til 1875, when he returned to Schoolcraft, to  
his favorite home. His large experience as  
a Surgeon brought him much practice. He  
was a member of the St. Joseph Valley Medi-  
cal Association, the Michigan State Medical  
Society, also of the American Medical Asso-  
ciation, and an honorary member of the Cal-  
ifornia State Medical Society. He was twice  
married and leaves a wife and two daughters.  
He was the youngest of a family of seven  
children, four sons and three daughters, of  
whom there is but one left, a sister, Mrs. O.  
Hawley, of Paw Paw. He left a large circle  
of relatives and friends. He was a kind  
husband and indulgent father, and very so-  
cial with his friends, who sadly mourn his  
untimely death.

DIED.—In Pine Grove, Oct. 31st, Mrs. Mary  
Miller, mother of Mrs. David Wise, at the  
good old age of 91 years. She was sick only  
from Thursday until Monday. For over  
sixty years she had lived an exemplary chris-  
tian. She leaves two sons and two daughters  
to mourn her loss, also a brother in New  
York City, aged 89.

**MARRIAGES.**

WELLES—BARNHART.—By the Rev. G.  
A. Buell, Nov. 16th, at the M. E. person-  
age, Keeler Center, Mr. Joseph W. Welles  
of Silver Creek, Cass Co., Mich., and Miss  
Minerva E. Barnhart of Berrien, Berrien  
Co., Mich.

HANEY—RUSSELL.—At the Clifton House  
in this village, Nov. 1st, by the Rev. G. P.  
Schetty, D. D., George Haney of Ohio, to  
May Russell of Paw Paw.

**Legal Notices.**

**MORTGAGE SALE.**

Default having been made in the conditions  
of a certain mortgage (whereby the power  
therein contained to sell has become operative),  
executed by Aaron E. Lindley and Jane H.  
Lindley, his wife, of Van Buren county and  
State of Michigan, to John Davenport and Ira  
Davenport, executors of the last Will and  
Testament of Ira Davenport, deceased, bearing  
date the twenty-third day of July, A. D., eight-  
hundred and seventy-seven, and recorded in  
the office of the Register of Deeds, for the  
county of Van Buren, in said State of Michigan,  
on the thirty-first day of July, A. D., eighteen  
hundred and seventy-seven, in Liber 16 of  
mortgages, on page 324, upon which mortgage  
there is claimed to be due, at the date of this  
notice, the sum of seven hundred and sixty-  
seven dollars and fifty cents, (\$767.50), and no  
suit or proceedings at law, having been insti-  
tuted to recover the same or any part thereof,  
notice is therefore hereby given, that on Tues-  
day, the twenty-first day of February next, at  
eleven o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at  
public auction, to the highest bidder, (sale to  
take place at the front door of the Van Buren  
county Circuit Court House, in the Village of  
Paw Paw) the premises described in said mort-  
gage, (or so much thereof as shall be necessary  
to satisfy the amount due on such mortgage,  
with seven per cent. interest, and legal costs,  
together with an attorney fee of fifty dollars,  
covenanted for therein), that is to say, the fol-  
lowing piece or parcel of land, situated in Van  
Buren county, in the State of Michigan, viz:  
The east eighty—80—acres, of the south frac-  
tional half of section twenty-eight—28—and  
the west half of the south-west quarter of sec-  
tion twenty-seven—27—in township two—2—  
south, range fourteen—14—west.

Dated, Kalamazoo, November 23d, A. D. 1881.  
JOHN DAVENPORT, } Executors.  
IRA DAVENPORT, }

R. & J. D. Burns, } Attorneys for Mortgagees.  
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**MORTGAGE SALE.**

Default having been made in the conditions  
of a certain mortgage (whereby the power  
therein contained to sell has become operative)  
executed by Lucius A. Rogers and Alice J.  
Rogers, his wife, of Van Buren County, in the  
State of Michigan, to John Davenport and Ira  
Davenport executors of the last Will and Testa-  
ment of Ira Davenport, deceased, bearing date  
the first day of March, A. D., eighteen hun-  
dred and seventy-eight, and recorded in the  
office of the Register of Deeds, for the county  
of Van Buren in said State of Michigan, on the  
first day of March, A. D., eighteen hundred  
and seventy-eight, in Liber 15 of mortgages,  
on page 133, upon which mortgage there is claimed  
to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum  
of six hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty  
cents, (\$632.40), and no suit or proceedings at  
law, having been instituted to recover the  
same or any part thereof, notice is therefore  
hereby given, that on Tuesday, the twenty-  
first day of February next, at eleven o'clock in  
the forenoon, I shall sell at public auction, to  
the highest bidder, (sale to take place at the  
front door of the Van Buren county